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## EMPLO- Elementary Mathematics Professional Learning Opportunities

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**The Elementary Mathematics Professional Learning (EMPL) resources** are a series of recorded webinars and learning guides that support teachers in developing deeper understanding of elementary mathematics in

Alberta

[Link](#)

# Developing Mathematical Fluency

- ▶ "A **deeper understanding** of Mathematical fluency enables us to envision what it means for our students to be mathematically **proficient**, and to **shift teaching practices** that shift our teaching from a **focus on content** to a focus on **application and understanding**"

▶ *Sue O'Connell and John San Giovanni  
from Putting the Practices into Action*

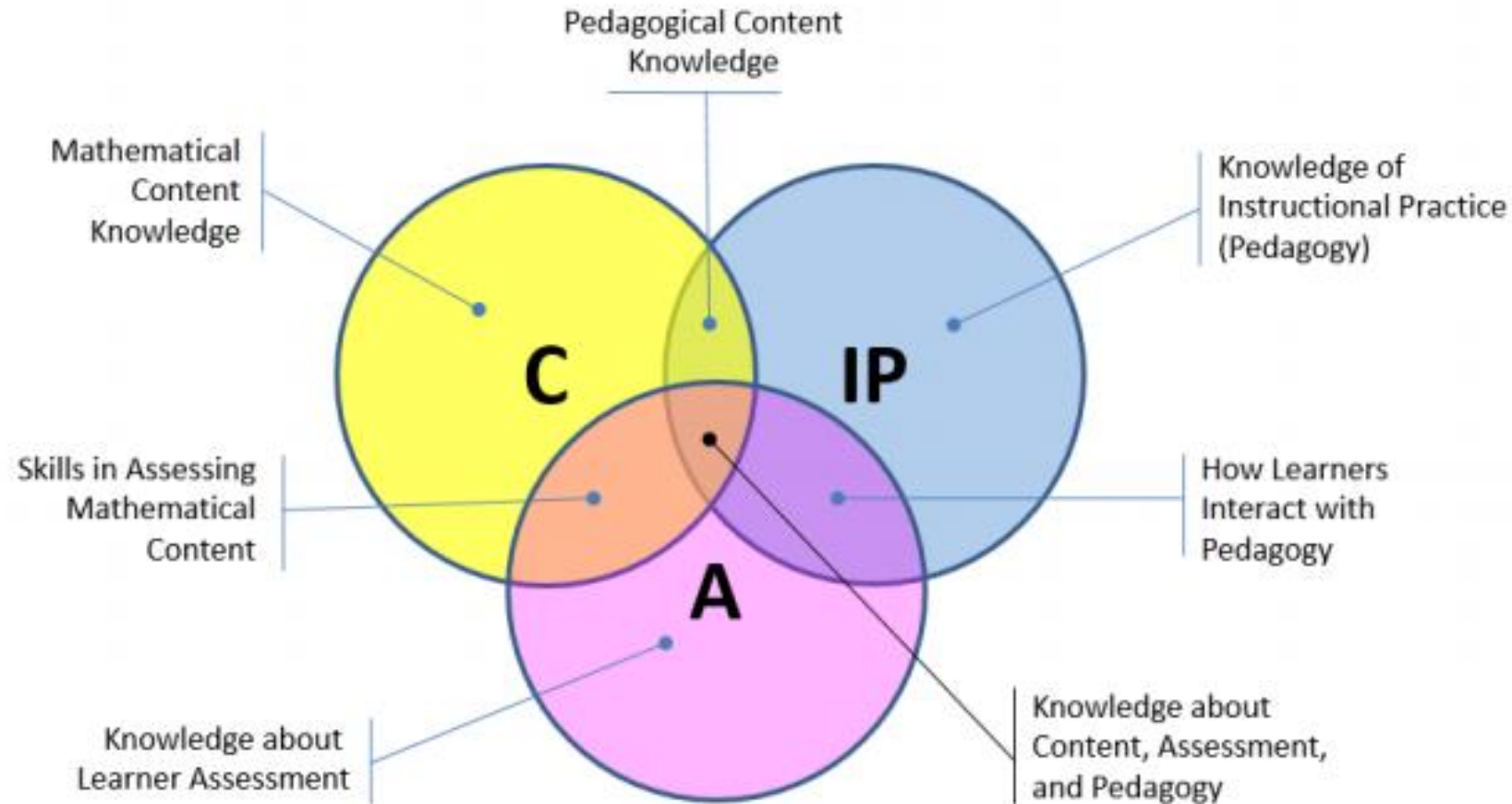
Relational vs Procedural Knowledge  
Gas Example  
Turn and Talk- shift

# Developing Professional Capital Fullan and Hargreaves, cited in A Great School for All - ATA, 2012)

- ▶ The website is a collaborative effort involving
  - ▶ Classroom teachers
  - ▶ ATA staff
  - ▶ Post secondary
  - ▶ Math consultants
  - ▶ CASS
  - ▶ ARPDC representatives
- ▶ Funded through a grant from AB Education



# Enhancing Professional Capital



# Resources will enhance

- ▶ Teacher understanding of mathematical content and conceptual relationships
- ▶ Teacher instructional practice
- ▶ Formative and summative assessment practice
- ▶ Teacher-parent communication

# Guiding Questions for educators to consider

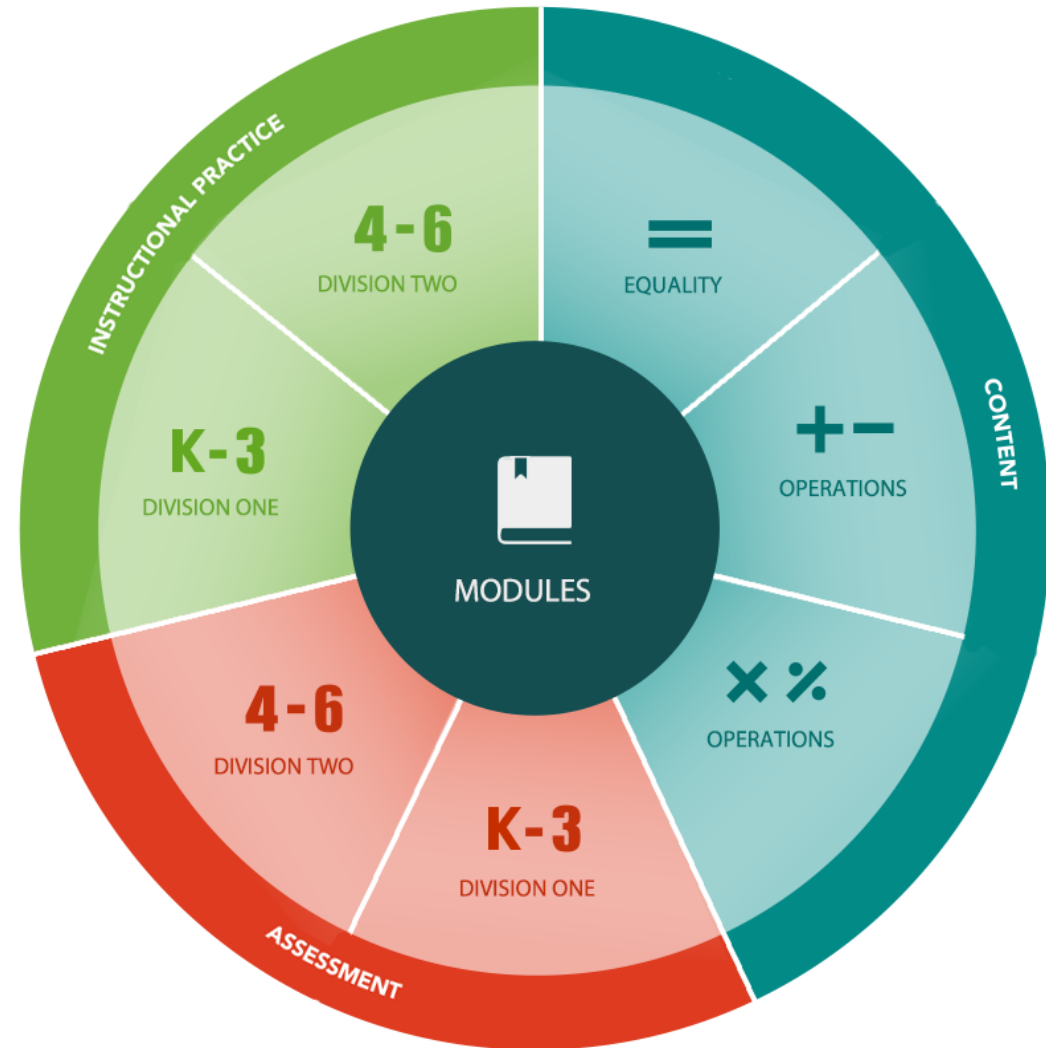
- ▶ **What** do I want my students to learn?
  - ▶ (based on the Alberta Program of Studies)
- ▶ **How will I know**, track, **evaluate**, and communicate how well they are learning it?
- ▶ What **activities, resources, and structures** will I select to further student **understanding**?

Webinars and resources have been developed for each of the areas

Content

Assessment

Instructional Practices





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Additional supports are being added  
as we collaborate provincially

We encourage you to visit regularly

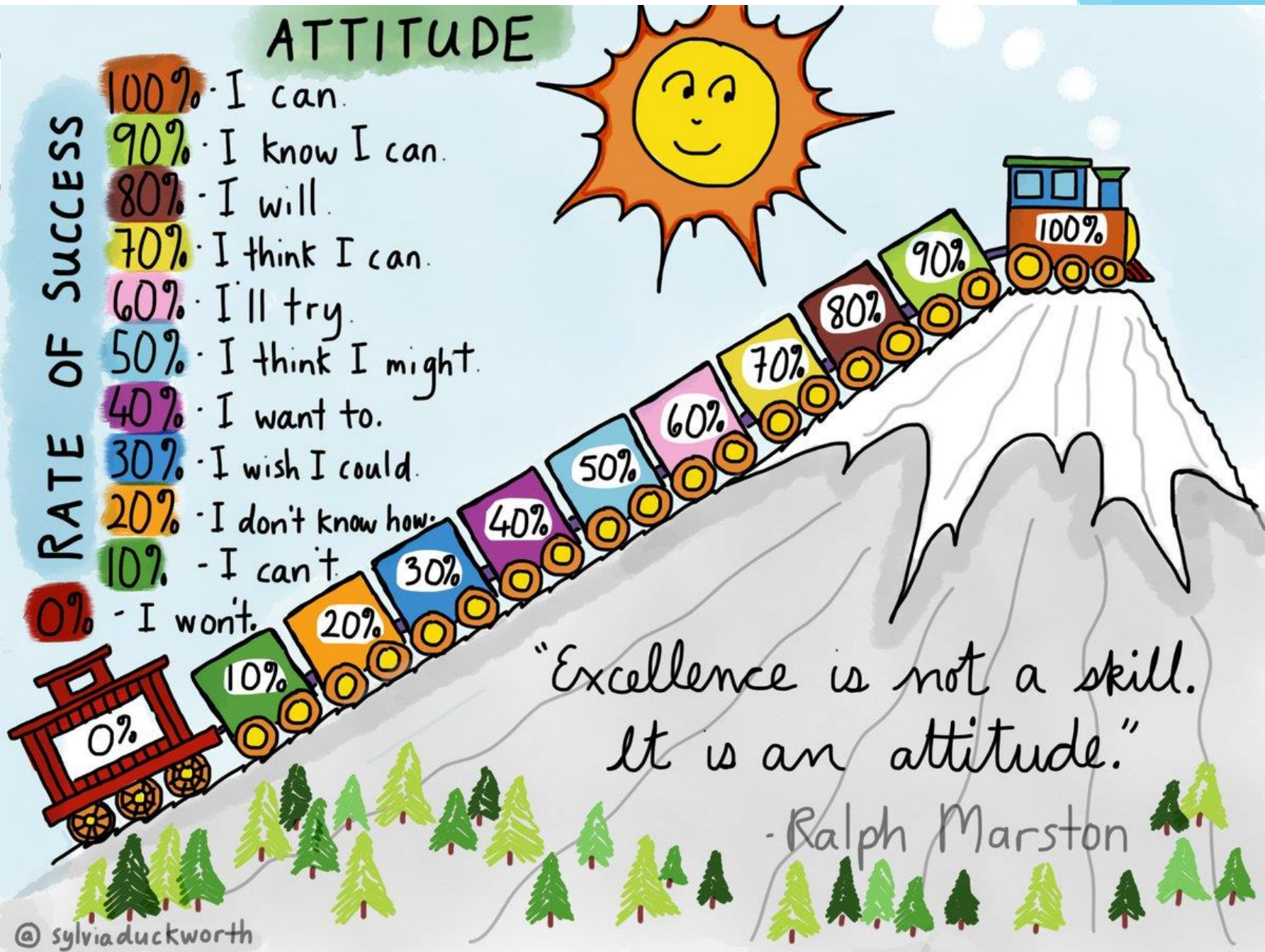




# ATTITUDE

RATE OF SUCCESS

- 100% - I can.
- 90% - I know I can.
- 80% - I will.
- 70% - I think I can.
- 60% - I'll try.
- 50% - I think I might.
- 40% - I want to.
- 30% - I wish I could.
- 20% - I don't know how.
- 10% - I can't.
- 0% - I won't.

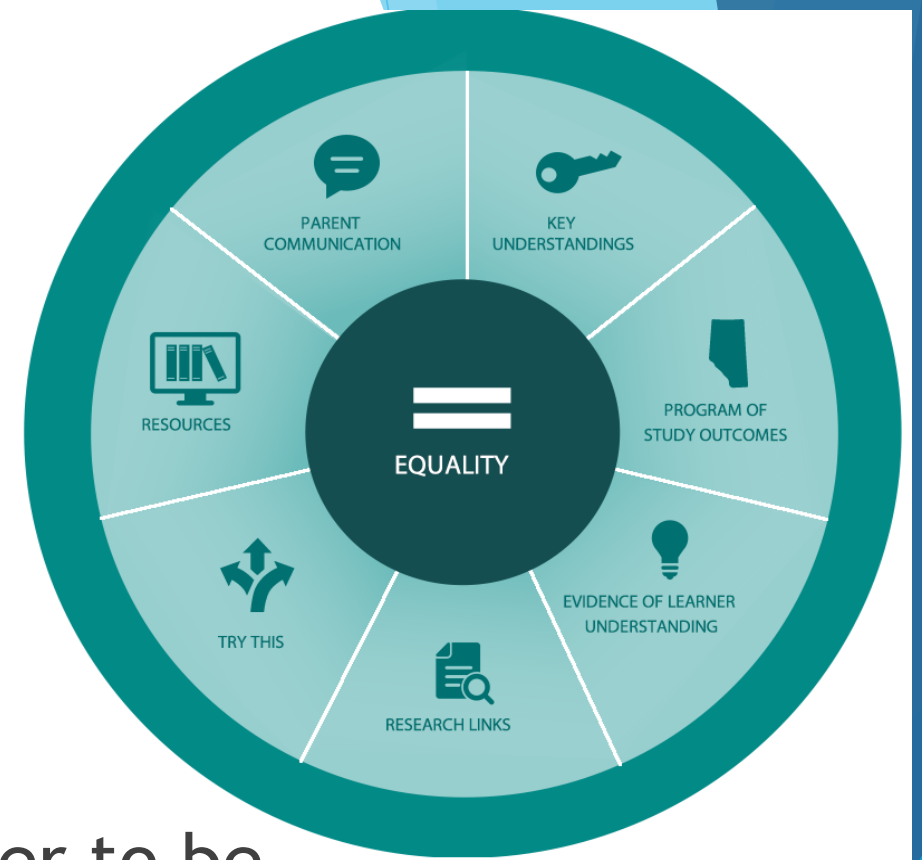


"Excellence is not a skill.  
It is an attitude."

- Ralph Marston

# Key Understandings

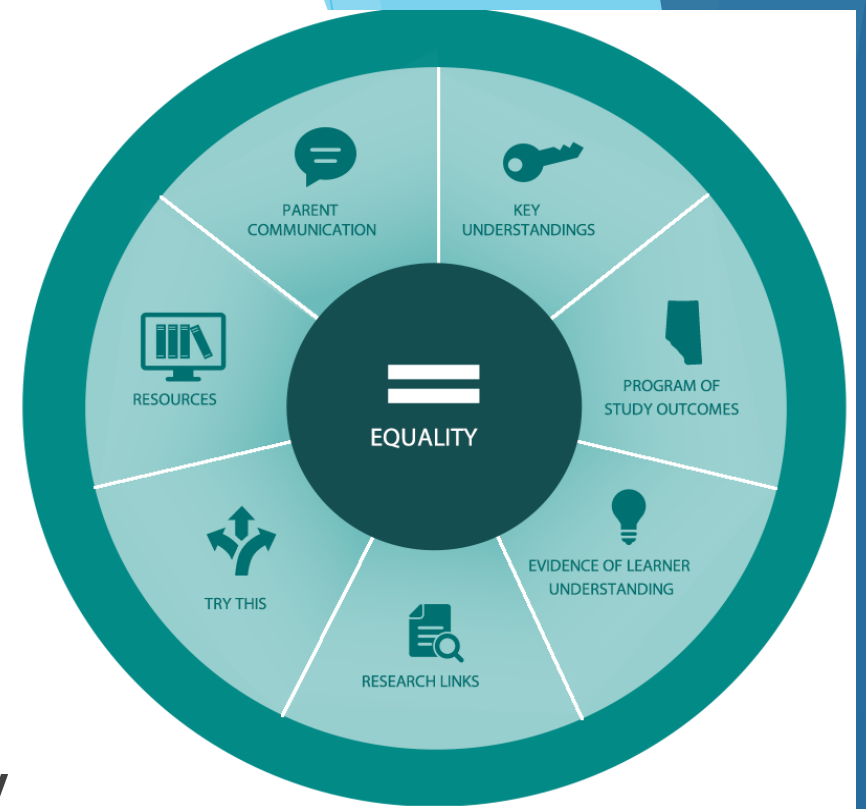
- ▶ “Big Ideas”
- ▶ Why is this Concept Important?
- ▶ Teacher Background Knowledge
  - ▶ What prior understanding is necessary?
- ▶ What do I need to know as a teacher in order to be able to teach the concept(s)? Pdf guides
- ▶ Vocabulary



Game- I Love Math

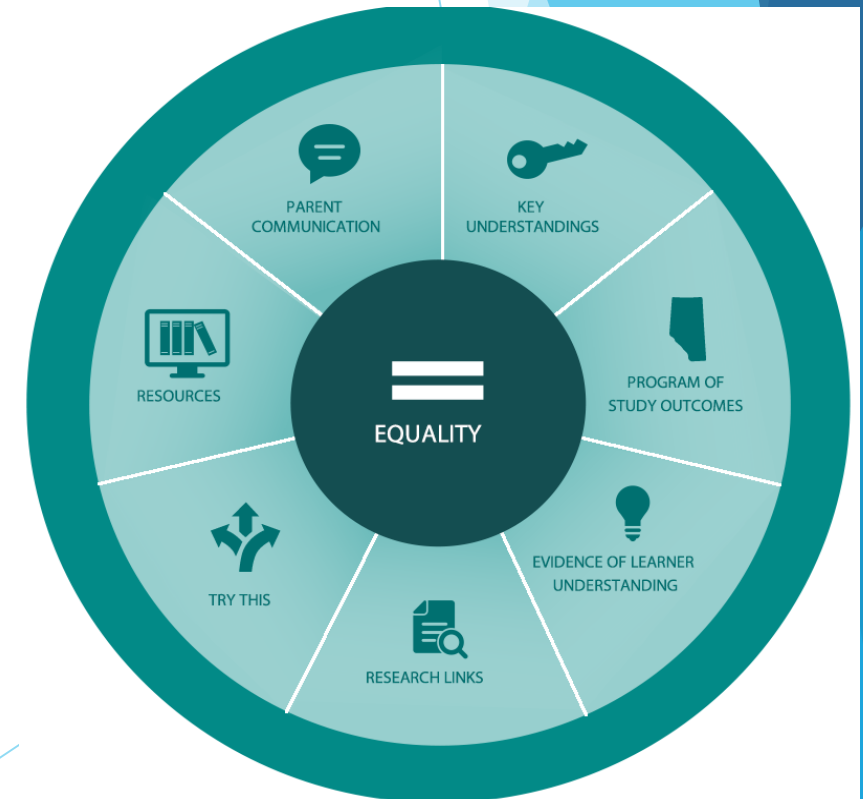
# K-9 Program of Studies

- ▶ (Key) Outcomes from the program of studies related to the concept (K-6)
  - ▶ If those understandings have not been achieved this resource allows you to quickly access supports that can be used to scaffold individual learning
- ▶ Includes a pdf of possible resources with suggestions for use



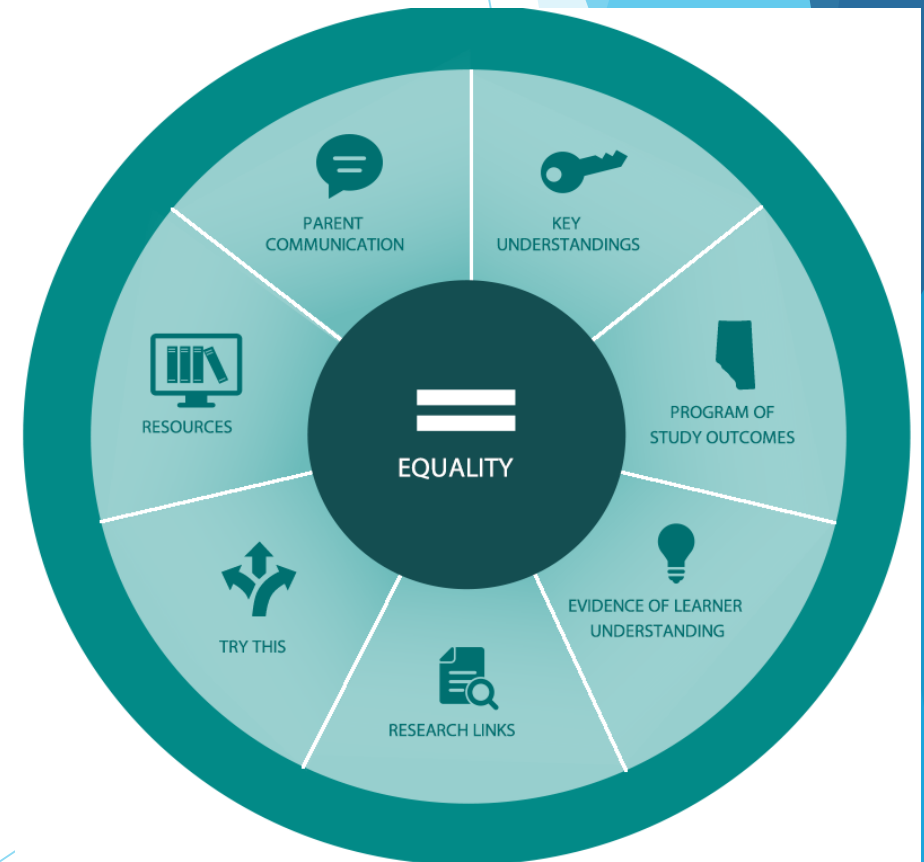
# Evidence of Learner Understanding

- ▶ What level of understanding do your students have regarding the concept?
- ▶ Sample evidence is provided for each Big Idea in order to guide you when assessing your students' level of understanding.
  - ▶ Big Idea
  - ▶ What it might mean
  - ▶ Possible evidence of understanding



# Research Links

- ▶ A synthesized list of research or articles will further enhance teacher capital



# Try This

- ▶ Suggested activities to try/modify with your students
- ▶ Assessment Rubrics- in Pdf and Word
- ▶ Emphasis is on making the learning visible
- ▶ Activities include- Pdf, Word
  - ▶ and Exemplars

## Quick Assessment Rubric

Quick Assessment			
The Answer	<input type="checkbox"/> Is Correct	<input type="checkbox"/> Is Incorrect	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Obvious <input type="checkbox"/> Inferred slightly <input type="checkbox"/> Inferred majorly	<input type="checkbox"/> Has a minor mistake <input type="checkbox"/> Has a misunderstanding	
The Strategy is a(n)	<input type="checkbox"/> Counting Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/> Additive Thinking Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/> Multiplicative Thinking Strategy
	<input type="checkbox"/> Counting on/back	<input type="checkbox"/> Making 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Using doubles (3+3) <input type="checkbox"/> Part-Part-Whole	<input type="checkbox"/> Using Doubles (3x2) <input type="checkbox"/> Arrays <input type="checkbox"/> Part-Part-Whole <input type="checkbox"/> Known Facts
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other		
Notes/Next Steps	Follow up Questions to Ask the Student		
	Follow up Steps for Student		

# Resources

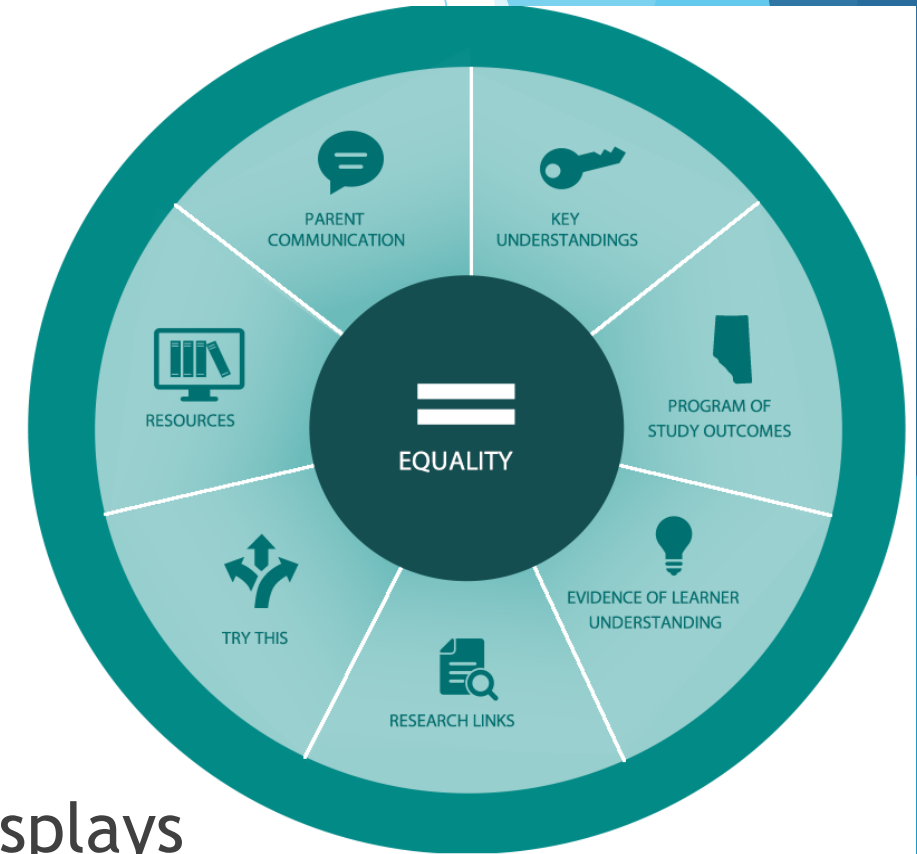
- ▶ Resources are suggested by grade level
  - ▶ The key learner outcomes at each grade level are also reviewed
  - ▶ Links to resources and some teaching suggestions are included
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- ▶ *The use of authorized resources is not mandatory.*
  - ▶ *A broad range of learning resources may be used to meet the needs of all students.*
  - ▶ **Caution-** *Even when a resource is authorized, it does not mean that it aligns completely with AB Program of Studies*



# Parent Communication

- ▶ Big Ideas
  - ▶ Simple activities you can do with your child
  - ▶ How the concept changes from year to year
  - ▶ Misconceptions
  - ▶ Vocabulary
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- ▶ Suggestions for use may include:
    - ▶ Monthly parent bulletins/newsletters
    - ▶ Parent-Teacher Conference discussion/displays
    - ▶ Parent Information Nights

=  
Problem solving  
Spatial  
Add a zero  
Memorize vs understand



# Presentation Resources NEW- (2016)

- ▶ Presentations are in PowerPoint format
- ▶ Encourage you to edit and adapt
- ▶ Intended to support anyone facilitating a PLC, a PD day or any other learning opportunities
- ▶ Flexibility to adapt for an hour, a half or a full day.



- ▶ SAPDC will continue to provide on-going support for
  - ▶ Administrators
  - ▶ Teachers
  - ▶ Educational Assistants
  - ▶ Parents/Trustees
  - ▶ Pre-service Teachers

Please contact your Learning Facilitator

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- ▶ [Vicki.glass@sapdc.ca](mailto:Vicki.glass@sapdc.ca) (East)
- ▶ Easy access to EMPLO website through [www.sapdc.ca](http://www.sapdc.ca) (Banners)
- ▶ Google: Elementary Mathematics Professional [Learning](#)




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# Instructional Practices


- ▶ [Cooperative Learning](#)
- ▶ [Flipped Classroom](#)
- ▶ [Group Work](#)
- ▶ [Journaling](#)
- ▶ [My favorite No](#)
- ▶ [Non-permanent Surfaces](#)
- ▶ [Performance Tasks](#)
- ▶ [Problem Solving](#)
- ▶ [Math Games](#)
- ▶ [Inquiry-Based Learning](#)
- ▶ [Use of Manipulatives](#)
- ▶ [Math Centres](#)
- ▶ [Number Talks](#)
- ▶ [Open-ended Questions](#)
- ▶ [Project-Based Learning](#)
- ▶ [Understanding by Design](#)



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Instructional Practices  
Elementary Mathematics Professional Learning

**Math Games**




Any game where the knowledge of math is used as a strategy to win against one or more opponents.

"We are not playing games in math class, we are in math class playing games." - Evan



Math games add fun to practicing math concepts. They also allow for differentiated instruction and development of skills that students need to tackle higher math. Games are also an excellent opportunity to practice known facts in a fun environment. Games offer an environment where making mistakes is part and parcel.


[Why Play Math Games?](#) (NCTM article)



Math Games can be used at any point in time. The best time, however, is when it fits best into the lesson plan.

[Using Games in the Classroom](#)

Hints for using games: p.5 of <http://tinyurl.com/jhg48tg>




Sample game on fractions: <http://tinyurl.com/zwjocnd>

Win-Win Math Games by Marilyn Burns:  
[http://www.mathsolutions.com/wp-content/uploads/winwin\\_mathgames.pdf](http://www.mathsolutions.com/wp-content/uploads/winwin_mathgames.pdf)

Making Math More Fun - [Math Game Ideas](#)

Many options for practicing basic fact games: <http://bit.ly/sberg-games>

Video: [Students in action playing "Poison"](#)  
[Rules for "Poison"](#).

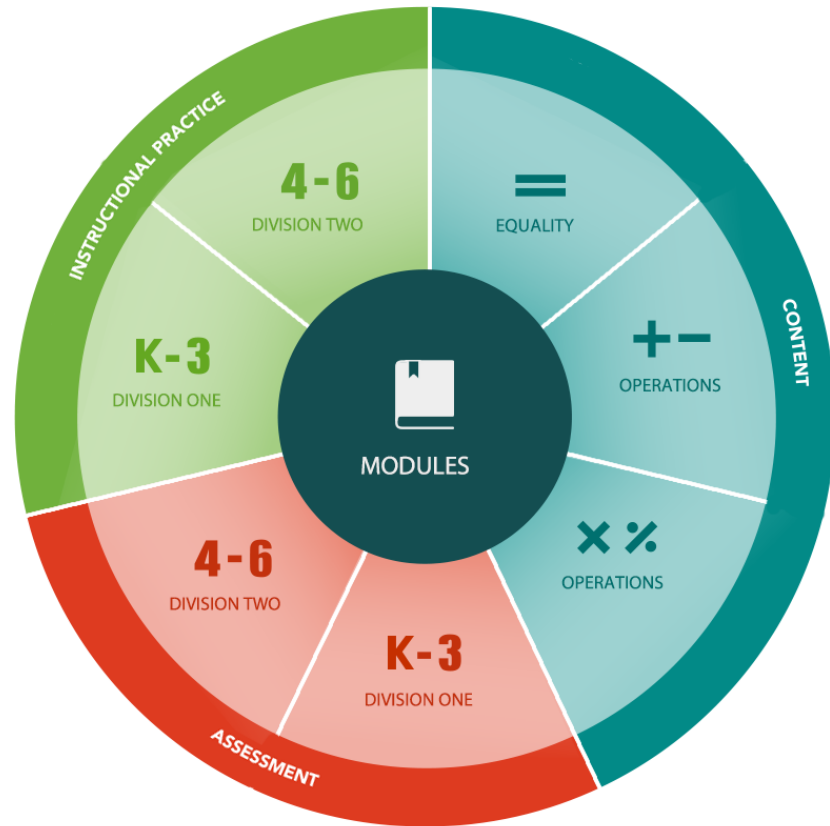


"Boys have profound learning experiences within the context of games because they receive a shot of testosterone when they set goals and achieve them." (Dixon, Helping Boys Learn)

Article:  
[Math Games Can Target Key Instruction Areas](#)

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<http://learning.arpcd.ab.ca/course/view.php?id=351>

Bonus:

**Mathematics K-12**

**Scope and Sequence** [AB Ed](#)

- outlines the progression of concepts in the programs of study
- highlights the connections between strands, topics and grades.

### Exit Card

- 1-thing I learned or affirmed
- 1-suggestion for future learning
- 1-comment about presentation

**THANK-YOU**